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# BULLETIN

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The Public Library of El Centro, California (Miss Agnes Ferris, librarian), wishes to know where it can secure books published in English and Punjabee, which will help Hindoos, whose native language is Punjabee, to learn English. Can any member of the Association offer any assistance?

If any librarian with proper qualifications wishes to consider temporary position organizing a library of some four or five thousand volumes in Wyoming, she is invited to communicate with A. L. A. Headquarters, 78 East Washington St., Chicago. Mention salary expected, references, etc.

The Secretary of the A. L. A. has on file at headquarters the names of a number of library workers who for one reason or another wish to change position; some seek another geographic section of country for climatic or family reasons; some are properly ambitious for advancement, and

some are without positions. The file includes chief librarians, catalogers, reference librarians, children's librarians, general assistants, etc. Library trustees or librarians requiring trained or experienced assistants are invited to communicate with the Secretary at the Headquarters office.

### INVITATION TO VISIT LEXINGTON

The librarians and other citizens of Lexington wish to extend a cordial invitation to members of the A. L. A. to visit their city either before or after the Louisville conference. Lexington, within one hundred miles of Louisville, is called the metropolis of the Bluegrass Region of Kentucky, and is one of the historic cities of the Ohio Valley. The Lexington Public Library, Transylvania College and the University of Kentucky, will all be found of interest to visitors. Lexington, it will be recalled, was the home of Henry Clay, and his fine old home, containing his books and other mementoes of his busy life, is still in the possession of his descendants and hospitably shown to all visitors. Lexington is the scene of many of the tales of James Lane Allen, John Fox, Jr., and other Kentucky authors. The city possesses fine roads and a radiating inter-urban service which enable visitors to reach the many historic and scenic points in the vicinity. Arrangements will be made at the Louisville conference for a registration of those who later wish to take a side-trip to Lexington.

### WARNER CARDS

The A. L. A. Publishing Board contemplates reprinting analytical cards for Warner's Library of the World's Best Literature. Set comprises about one thousand cards; price will not exceed \$8.00. Subscriptions are invited. A number of the larger city libraries are ordering sets for their various branches.

### INDEX TO SONGS

The A. L. A. Publishing Board has on several occasions during the past two years considered the advisability of issuing an index to songs. Several libraries

have excellent card indexes which could be used in preparing copy for such a publication. The very considerable expense in printing such a list and the serious doubt whether enough libraries would subscribe to cover the expense involved have thus far deterred the Board from this undertaking. The cost would, of course, largely depend upon the number subscribed for as well as upon the size of the index. The Board would be glad to receive tentative subscriptions to such a proposed index with the understanding that the price would not exceed \$10, and that if there should be a livelier demand than anticipated possibly not over \$5.00. Subscriptions should be sent to the Secretary of the A. L. A. Publishing Board, 78 East Washington Street, Chicago.

#### INCUNABULA IN AMERICA

The Census of copies of books printed in the Fifteenth Century owned in the United States and Canada, which was begun under the direction of Mr. John Thomson, of Philadelphia, some twenty years ago, and has latterly been in the charge of the Bibliographical Society of America, will be printed by the New York Public Library during the present year, if the material is made ready for the printers.

The Committee of the Bibliographical Society which has undertaken to edit this material consists of George Watson Cole, Charles L. Nichols, Victor H. Paltsits and George P. Winship. Under their direction the information on the cards, listing some 10,000 titles, is being typewritten on sheets in uniform entries. There are, it is estimated, one thousand Fifteenth Century books hidden in American book-cases, either in the hands of private owners, or in the smaller public and institutional libraries. It is the earnest desire of the Committee to learn the whereabouts of as many as possible of these hidden books and they will exceedingly appreciate any assistance which members of the American Library Association can give. Will any member of the Association who possesses or knows the whereabouts of any piece of incunabula be so good as to com-

municate that fact to Mr. George P. Winship, Widener Library, Harvard University?

#### AMERICAN LIBRARY INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the American Library Institute for 1916 may be purchased at the Executive Office of the American Library Association, 78 East Washington Street, Chicago. Price, \$2.00.

#### WANTS

Interstate Commerce Commission Library, Washington, D. C.

Archiv für Eisenbahnwesen, March-April, Sept.-Oct., Nov.-Dec., 1916.

Railway Surgical Journal, since Feb., 1916.

Railway Journal, July, 1913. Chicago.  
Minnesota State Normal School Library, Mankato.

Journal of Abnormal Psychology, vol. 7, no. 2, June-July, 1912.

Primary Education, vol. 23, no. 8, Oct., 1915.

Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia, Pa.

Its publications as follows:

Journal, 1st Ser. (8vo.), I, II, III, IV, V.

Journal, 2nd Ser. (4vo), II, III, IV.

Proceedings, I, II, III, IV, VI, VIII.

A biographical sketch of the late Thomas Say, Esq. . . . by Benjamin H. Choates. Published by order of the Academy. 1835.

#### FOR SALE

North Adams (Mass.) Public Library.

U. S. War department Rebellion records.

U. S. Geological Survey, Annual report, vols. 2 to 5, incl., vols. 13 to 14.

U. S. Messages and documents, about 1860.

U. S. War Department, Explorations for railroad from Mississippi to Pacific, 1855-1860.

#### EXCHANGE

Oklahoma University Library, Norman, Okla.

A. L. A. Booklist, vols. 1-6; vol. 7, nos. 1-4, 8, 9; vol. 9, no. 6 and index; vol. 10, no. 10; vol. 11, nos. 3, 5-7, 9.

Niles' register, vol. 36.